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A Tribute to Scott Adams

The commentator and cartoonist Scott Adams has passed away in hospice following a nine-month battle with stage-4 metastatic prostate cancer. His career spanned over 35 years, beginning with the syndication of his corporate-focused comic strip, Dilbert, in 1989. Over the decades, Adams became a prolific author, publishing 64 books, including the business bestseller The Dilbert Principle and the self-help guide How to Fail at Almost Everything and Still Win Big.

In 2015, Adams made a significant career shift by publicly supporting Donald J. Trump for President. While this decision effectively ended his career in traditional media, it facilitated his transition into a new-media role as a daily conservative podcast influencer. His podcast, Real Coffee with Scott Adams, became a primary platform for his views on politics and the pandemic.

In his final months, Adams maintained a transparent dialogue with his audience regarding his health battle, which included experimental treatments. Two weeks before his death, he composed a letter for posthumous release in which he expressed peace with his life, thanked his listeners for providing him with a sense of purpose, and documented his acceptance of Jesus Christ as his Savior. He is remembered for his intellect, his sense of humor, and the courage of his convictions.

Supreme Court Arguments on Biological Sex in Sports

The Supreme Court recently heard oral arguments regarding an Idaho law that requires schools to use biological sex as the standard for sports participation. The case has brought national attention to the legal and biological definitions of male and female.

During the proceedings, Justice Samuel Alito questioned a lawyer from the ACLU regarding the definition of a boy or a girl for equal protection purposes. The exchange highlighted several key points:

- **Definition of Terms: The ACLU lawyer initially declined to provide a specific definition of sex to the Court, attempting instead to accept the Idaho law's definition for the sake of argument.**
- **The Logic of Discrimination: Justice Alito challenged the premise of the ACLU's argument by asking if a biological male who identifies as a female—but has not taken testosterone blockers—should be permitted to compete in girls' sports.**
- **Medication vs. Sex: When the lawyer conceded that such an athlete should not compete, Alito noted that the argument essentially shifts the focus from biological sex to medication levels. He argued that if the ACLU agrees it is legal to bar biological males based on testosterone, they are fundamentally acknowledging a distinction based on sex.**

The broader cultural debate involves a shift in vocabulary where "gender" is used as a psychological or behavioral distinction rather than a biological one. Historically, "sex" has described the dimorphic distinction between male and female across species.

The Epstein Inquiry and Congressional Subpoenas

Former President Bill Clinton and Hillary Clinton have recently come under scrutiny regarding the Jeffrey Epstein inquiry.

- **Refusal to Testify: Despite being subpoenaed by the House Oversight Committee, Bill Clinton refused to appear for testimony. His legal team provided an eight-page letter in lieu of an appearance.**
- **Contempt Threats: House Oversight Chairman James Comer has signaled his intention to pursue contempt charges following the refusal.**
- **Historical Context: Observers note that compelling a former president to testify in a congressional hearing with potential criminal implications is historically rare, marking a shift in political and legal norms.**

Federal Funding and Sanctuary Jurisdictions

President Trump has announced a plan to freeze federal funding for sanctuary cities and states, effective February 1, 2026.

The administration stated that these payments will be halted because sanctuary jurisdictions protect individuals who have entered the country illegally at the expense of American citizens. While the exact scope of the freeze remains strategically ambiguous, the Department of Justice has identified 11 states as sanctuary jurisdictions, including California, New York, and Illinois.

Furthermore, the administration has signaled an intent to investigate and potentially prosecute public officials involved in what it describes as the pillaging of national resources. Specific mentions were made regarding Representative Ilhan Omar in the context of these welfare-related prosecutions.